

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 59th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Call to Order: By **REP. BRUCE MALCOLM**, on March 4, 2005 at 3:15 P.M., in Room 172 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Scott Mendenhall, Chairman (R)
Rep. Jill Cohenour, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Bernie Olson, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Elsie Arntzen (R)
Rep. John Balyeat (R)
Rep. George Golie (D)
Rep. Jim Keane (D)
Rep. Monica Lindeen (D)

Members Excused:

Rep. Bob Bergren (D)
Rep. Larry Jent (D)
Rep. Gary MacLaren (R)
Rep. Bruce Malcolm (R)

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Kyanne Kelly, Committee Secretary
Leanne Kurtz, Legislative Branch

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 9, 3/1/2005; SB 248, 3/1/2005;
SB 38, 3/1/2005; SB 1, 3/1/2005
Executive Action: SB 45, SB 248, SB 9, HB 673

HEARING ON SB 9

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

SEN. BRENT CROMLEY (D), SD 25, opened the hearing on **SB 9**, Driver's license renewal for overseas military and dependents.
00:02:04_____

Proponents' Testimony:

00:04:25 Dan Antonietti, Veterans of Foreign Wars
00:05:01 Brenda Nordlund, Department of Justice

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

00:06:05

HEARING ON SB 248

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

SEN. JOE BALLYEAT (R), SD 34, opened the hearing on **SB 248**, Revise penalty for no motor vehicle insurance.

00:06:21

EXHIBIT(trh48a01)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:11:36 Carla Johnson, Self

EXHIBIT(trh48a02)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:13:33

Closing by Sponsor:

00:15:45

HEARING ON SB 38

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

SEN. TRUDI SCHMIDT (D), SD 11, opened the hearing on SB 38,
Double traffic fines in school zone.

00:22:15

Proponents' Testimony:

00:26:01 Sgt. Sowell, Great Falls Police Department
00:29:40 Jeff Key, Traffic Engineer
00:32:51 George Littlefield, Great Falls Neighborhood
Council
00:37:10 David Huff, Office of Public Instruction
00:38:29 Spook Stang, Montana Motor Carriers
00:39:23 Denise Harris, American Automobile Association

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:40:32

[EXHIBIT\(trh48a03\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(trh48a04\)](#)

Closing by Sponsor:

01:01:55

REPS. JENT AND MALCOLM entered the room.

HEARING ON SB 1

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

SEN. TRUDI SCHMIDT (D), SD 11, opened the hearing on SB 1,
Authorize living will indicator on driver's license.

01:03:44

Proponents' Testimony:

01:04:46 Anita Oppedahl, Motor Vehicle Division

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:05:41

Closing by Sponsor:

01:07:28

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 45

Motion: REP. OLSON moved that SB 45 BE CONCURRED IN.

Discussion:

01:10:40

Without objection REP. OLSON withdrew his motion.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 248

Motion: REP. OLSON moved that SB 248 BE CONCURRED IN.

Discussion:

01:12:00

Motion/Vote: REP. COHENOUR moved that SB 248 BE AMENDED. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. REPS. LINDEEN AND BERGREN voted by proxy.

Motion/Vote: REP. OLSON moved that HB 248 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. REPS. LINDEEN AND BERGREN voted by proxy. REP. BALYEAT to carry.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 9

Motion: REP. KEANE moved that SB 9 BE CONCURRED IN.

Discussion:

01:21:08

Vote: Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. REPS. LINDEEN AND BERGREN voted by proxy. REP. BERGREN to carry.

Motion/Vote: REP. OLSON moved that SB 9 BE PLACED ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. REPS. LINDEEN AND BERGREN voted by proxy.

REP. BERGREN entered the room.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 673

Motion: REP. OLSON moved that HB 673 DO PASS.

Discussion:

01:25:15

Vote: Motion carried 7-5 by roll call vote with REP. BERGREN, REP. COHENOUR, REP. GOLIE, REP. KEANE, and REP. LINDEEN voting no. REP. LINDEEN voted by proxy.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:45 P.M.

REP. SCOTT MENDENHALL, Chairman

KYANNE KELLY, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([trh48aad0.TIF](#))